



Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025
9:30 AM Worship Service



- Pastor Doug Widger

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Song: God Is Here / I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461
vs. 1, 2, 8

Chorus: There is a sweet anointing
In this sanctuary
There is a stillness
In the atmosphere
Come and lay down
The burdens you have carried
For in this sanctuary God is here

Bridge: He is here He is here
To break the yoke
And lift the heavy burden
He is here He is here
To heal the hopeless heart
And bless the broken
Come and lay down
The burdens you have carried
For in this sanctuary God is here

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God our Father, and Christ, our risen King!

People: Resurrected Lord and Savior, we confess before You that our Easter faith is meager; we have not acted decisively in sharing Your love. Our forgiveness for others is tepid. We fail to be gracious in conflict and forget that all believers belong to You—the crucified and risen Lord. Although we are undeserving, You have crowned us with resurrection certainty by Your life-changing grace and mercy. Death is destroyed. Easter life flourishes, now and forever!

Pastor: Christ has died. We, too, shall die. Christ has risen. We, too, shall rise, because we are more than conquerors in and through Christ Jesus. Our eternal confidence and unwavering faith are in Him alone! Therefore as your pastor - I remind you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

Share Grace

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17–25

(God re-creates all things new!—the heavens, the earth,... upending a sin-broken world, preparing all believers for new life in resurrection.)

- 17 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
- 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.
- 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.
- 20 No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
- 21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- 22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- 23 They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.

24 Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.
25 The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy
mountain," says the LORD.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message - Dr. Serena Pace

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19–26 (In the end, the kingdom of God will
rule over every power and authority. All believers shall be made alive in Christ.)

19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.
20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who
have fallen asleep.
21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the
dead.
22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who
belong to Christ.
24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after
destroying every rule and every authority and power.
25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Easter Chant - Sanctuary Choir

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12 (The Lord is crucified, killed, and buried, but
His tomb is found empty! Resurrection triumph prevails. Jesus is alive!
Believers are perplexed, amazed, yet confident by faith.)

1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the
spices they had prepared.
2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
3 but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in
dazzling apparel.
5 And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said
to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?
6 He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in
Galilee,
7 that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be
crucified and on the third day rise."

- 8 And they remembered his words,
9 and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.
10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,
11 but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.
12 But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.
- P This is the Gospel of our Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Song: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB #457
vs. 1-4

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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Message: "Resurrection Confidence" - Pastor Doug Widger

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Connection Points

Offering

How Great Is Our God

Verse 1: The splendor of the King clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

Chorus: How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see how great,
How great is our God

Verse 2: Age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

CHORUS

Bridge: Name above all names, worthy of our praise
My heart will sing how great is our God

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Communion

This Is the Feast

vs. 1-5

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

[Refrain]

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

[Refrain]

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

[To next verse]

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

[Refrain]

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

[Final Refrain]

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

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In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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He's Risen, He's Risen

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vs. 1-5

He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

Ways to Follow Jesus

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you in Jesus' resurrection!
The Lord renew you in the promise of your resurrection—yet to be revealed.
The Lord guarantee you every dimension of eternal joy, hope, and new life.
People: Amen.

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heavn'ly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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COMMUNION NOTES

A traveling tray will be available for those who desire it.
Gluten-free wafers are available. Grape juice is provided on the inner ring of the communion tray.

We ask ourselves questions of examination:

- Do I believe that I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that through faith in Him my sins are forgiven?
- Do I believe that in this meal I receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus, for the forgiveness of my sins, not just a symbol of it?
- Do I intend, with the help of God, to live a Christian life?

We welcome to the altar all who answer yes to these questions and believe as we do.

Those who have never communed with us before are asked to speak to the Pastor or Elder before the service. If you're not ready to participate in the Lord's Supper with us, please feel free to come forward. Folding of your arms will indicate to the Pastors your desire to receive a blessing.

**Easter lilies are beautifully decorating our sanctuary. (Thank you, Altar Guild.)
They have been purchased in honor and in memory of the following:**

- ♦ Linda Buck - 2: In memory of loved ones
- ♦ Gary & Susan White - 1: He Has Risen!
- ♦ Gary & Susan White - 1: Praises to our Lord and Savior!
- ♦ Carol Hall - 1: In memory of her husband Bill Hall
- ♦ Nancy McCormick - 1: In memory of loved ones
- ♦ Nat Davies - 1: In memory of Allen Hardy Sanders
- ♦ Nat Davies - 1: In memory of Rob Timmons
- ♦ Nat Davies - 1: In memory of Glen & Doris Johnson
- ♦ Nat Davies - 1: In memory of Randy Glenn Johnson
- ♦ Nat Davies - 1: In memory of Rene Brown
- ♦ Nat Davies - 1: In memory of Obadiah & Modupeh Davies
- ♦ Nat Davies - 1: In memory of Priscilla Davies
- ♦ Walter E. Baumann - 1: In loving memory of his wife, Diane
- ♦ Claudia Williams - 1: In memory of Mary Shelton
- ♦ Jim & Jan Runzheimer - 1: In honor of their grandchildren
- ♦ Joe & Phyllis Sparks - 1: In thanksgiving for the Blessings of Family
- ♦ Joe & Phyllis Sparks - 1: In memory of loved ones
- ♦ Jim & Stephanie Schmidt - 1: In memory of loved ones
- ♦ Jim & Stephanie Schmidt - 1: In honor of their children
- ♦ Keith & Lyn Mangels - 1: In memory of loved ones
- ♦ Richard & Paula Crossman - 1: In memory of Ann, Charlotte, Garland, Joan & Don Mitchell
- ♦ John & Tracey Rukavina - 2: In memory of loved ones
- ♦ Eric & Bette Rathjen - 2: In memory of their parents
- ♦ Santa George - 1: In memory of loved ones
- ♦ Tommy & Delores Smith - 1: In memory of loved ones
- ♦ Cecelia Weisenfels - 1: In honor and memory of her husband, Gerald
- ♦ Jeanette Naumann - 1: In memory of loved ones
- ♦ Brian & Ann Bassett - 1: In loving memory of loved ones
- ♦ Sidney & Sonya Sorensen - 1: In memory of Frau Monika Bartke
- ♦ Sidney & Sonya Sorensen - 1: In memory of Brother William Wolff
- ♦ Kathy Lauer - 1: In memory of Mark Lauer
- ♦ Mike & Dorothy Kennedy - 1: In memory of their parents

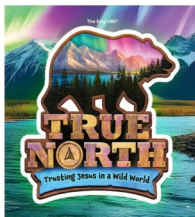


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~ Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. ~

- ♦ Jim Runzheimer's Bible Class - *Fireside Room*
- ♦ Pastor Doug Widger's Class: Book of John - *MR 2*
- ♦ Biblical Parenting Group - *Gym (or TBA)*
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 9-12) - *Youth Shed*
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 7-8) - *Meeting Room 4*
- ♦ Grace Kids (Preschool 4's/Kinder, Grades 1-6) - *Preschool Wing Classrooms*
- ♦ Babies - 3 year olds - *Nursery (throughout the morning)*
Comfort & Nursing Rooms are available.

ELDERS AND THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

Joe Masterson	A-B
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Mike Kennedy	I-L
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

- 8:00 AM Egg Casserole
Easter Breakfast - *Gym*
9:30 AM Easter Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
9:30 AM Spanish Easter Worship Service - *Fireside Room*
11:15 AM Egg Hunt - *Joeckel Field*

Monday, April 21, 2024 - Church office closed

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

- 6:00 PM Grace FC Soccer Ministry - *Joeckel Field*
7:30 PM Community Basketball - *Gym*

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

- 9:30 AM Braille (Cross of Christ) - *Braille Room: MR1*
6:30 PM ESL Classes
6:30 PM Youth Leadership Class (ages 9-14) - *MR 4*
6:30 PM Joybells Rehearsal - *Sanctuary*
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - *Music Room*

Thursday, April 24, 2024

- 3:00 PM Braille (WWFF Braille Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*
6:00 PM Braille (Thumbprint Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*
7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting - *Conference Room*

Friday, April 25, 2024

- 6:00 PM Grace FC Soccer Ministry - *Joeckel Field*
6:30 PM Spanish Bible Study - *Fireside Room*

Saturday, April 26, 2025

- 9:00 AM Altar Guild

Sunday, April 27, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
10:45 AM Love Box Packing Party - *Gym*
12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside Room*

